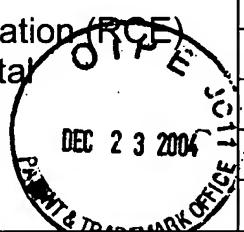


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for

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Application Number	10/627,516
Filing Date	July 25, 2003
First Named Inventor	Rafiq Hussain
Art Unit	2833
Examiner Name	Phuongchi T. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	03-04

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other 1-Month Extension of Time

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a.  Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \$910 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature	<i>Monica H. Choi</i>	Date	December 20, 2004
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For: Compression Mount and Zero Insertion )  
Force Socket for IC Devices )

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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached: Request for Continued Examination Transmittal; Amendment and Response as Submission for RCE; Information Disclosure Statement (and copies of references); Form 1449; and Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time
2. With respect to additional fees:
  - A. No additional fee is required.
  - B. An additional fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIM AS AMENDED						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	* 25	Minus	** 25	0	X \$50.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	* 3	Minus	3	0	X \$200.00	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee For this Amendment -				\$0.00		

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* Each multiple dependent claim should be counted as the number of claims from which it depends.

C. Attached is a check in the amount of \$910 (for \$790 for RCE filing fee plus \$120 for 1-Month Extension of Time).

3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 20th day of December, 2004.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AS SUBMISSION FOR RCE**

Applicants submit the following with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A request for 1-month extension of time and the corresponding fee of \$120 are enclosed. In addition, a fee of \$790 is enclosed for the RCE. Furthermore, an Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for references recently received in a corresponding PCT application.

**Applicants hereby request that the previously filed and un-entered Amendment and Response dated October 21, 2004 remain un-entered. Instead, please enter and consider this Amendment and Response for the RCE.**

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments:** Begin on page 7 of this paper.